

# RURAL WEEKLY NEWS

## RUBE'S FARM FUN

With Fearless Faith in what we do we Knock the False and Boost the True  
Motto Tell the Truth and shame the devil"

Vol. 11 No. 7

Stony Plain, Alberta, Saturday January 22nd., 1916.

\$1. per year

## Presentation To Private Bates

### Comments

#### On News OF THE WEEK

On Saturday last at the R.N. W.M.P. barracks Ernest Ristow in the employ of Ernest Eggers of Mewassin, was fined \$3.00 and costs by T.P. Lindley, J.P. for common assault on the person of Fritz Frederick.

At the poultry Show in Edmonton last week, Mr. William Gilbert of Sunnybrook Farm, entered 4 ducks and obtained 3 firsts and second prize, one of the firsts being for best duck of any breed, age or color in the show. This is a very creditable showing.

Mr. Chas. Williams of Holburn, pressed hay to town. This hay was purchased by Armbruster Bros.

There will be a Grand Concert given by the Women's Institute Red Cross Society in the Town Hall on the evening of Friday February 18.

Mr. R. M. Griffith lost a valuable hog last week. The animal was accidentally locked out of its pen over night and next morning was found frozen to death.

Mrs. John Ingle of Lucerne, B. C. was in town during the week. We are glad to know she has completely recovered from a recent operation.

Mr. Henry. Oppertshausner, Jr. is away on a trip to B. C.

Miss Blanche Nicholls is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chester Gaudaur at Gleichen, Alta.

Enraged at his dog because the poor brute had chased a couple of coyotes which its owner was after, Bernhard Schmidt, of the Muir Lake district, shot and killed the animal.

Last week during the cold spell the hotel at Noyes' Crossing, 16 miles north of here, was burned to the ground, the occupants barely escaping in their night clothes. Some furs to the value of about \$2000 were also consumed.

Don't forget the Supper and Concert in aid of the Patriotic Fund in the Holborn School House on the evening of Wednesday January 26. There will be a dance afterward.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Beari died on Sunday evening.

There was a crowded house at the Town Hall on Tuesday night when a banquet was tendered to Mr. A. E. Bates by the people of the Stony Plain District.

On either side of the hall, running lengthwise tables had been erected by Mr. J. C. Harrison, and these were fairly groaning with good things provided by the ladies of the town and country.

After everyone had done justice to the repast Mr. Hardwick called for order and, stating the reason for the gathering, proposed the toast of "The King."

Then he called on Mr. T. P. Lindley to propose the toast to "Our Guest," which Mr. Lindley did in capital style, lauding Mr. Bates for his action in enlisting. Enumerating the difficulties he had to overcome, he declared that he thought it would be a good idea to send to each of the boys some little token such as a pair of gloves and in each parcel put a list of names of all those present at the banquet.

Next, Mr. P. S. Washburn, in a very eulogistic and graceful speech presented Private Bates with a wrist watch as a token of esteem and good wishes of the new soldier's friends.

On rising to reply Mr. Bates was treated to an ovation. When the applause ceased he thanked the donors for their handsome gift and the splendid supper, and said that he would remember the faces before him all the rest of his life. He depreciated his own worthiness to receive such favors, but was glad to accept, not so much for himself, as for all the others from this district who had enlisted. He told how an American born, he was converted to the English form of government, under which there was such absolute freedom of thought and speech. The American colonies had been lost to Great Britain not because of British tyranny but because of the un-British actions of an un-British monarch. He was proud to fight under the Union Jack and was confident that the Allies would be victorious in this great world-conflict.

He promised to tell our local boys at the front, if he should ever meet any of them, of all the good things said about them by their friends at home. He was sorry not to see Mr. and Mrs. Ashley present, for he knew that their son, Mr. Bernard Ashley, was just as deserving of the honors of the evening as he himself was.

He concluded by again thanking everyone for their kindness and good wishes.

After Mr. Bates was through Mr. Donald Ross entertained the assembly with a song—"The Boys of Old Brigade" which he rendered in good style, the audience joining lustily in the chorus.

Mr. Hardwick then called up on Captain Leonard of Winterburn, a veteran of the wars in India, to say a few words, which the Captain was quite equal to. He told of the great difference in the warfare of his younger days and that going on in Europe today, and said he had all the sympathy and good will that an old soldier could have for a young one.

Mr. Murdoch McKinley, a South African veteran, told of his experiences in the war zones, but modestly claimed that the soldiers of the South African War did not have any of the hard work that the present day soldiers have.

The toast to "The Ladies" was responded to by J. P. Crowe.

In moving a vote of thanks to the ladies who had taken part in the preparation for the banquet, Mr. F. W. Lundy paid special tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison who had so generously spent so much time and provided so much in the line of eatables, and to those from the country and town who also furnished supplies, and for the energetic committee of ladies and gentlemen who saw everything so successfully carried out. We believe the ladies' committee was composed of Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. Murdoch McKinley, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Millman, Mrs. Lundy, Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Roberts, and they certainly did their work well.

During the evening a letter from Captain Gossett, expressing his regret at not being able to attend, and conveying his best wishes to Private Bates, was read.

The programme was closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

### Agricultural Society's Banquet Today

Our farmers do not want to miss the first banquet of the Stony Plain Agricultural Society. We are assured of a good banquet and the price fifty cents will be for a one dollar feast. The Society is doing splendid work for the district and we are apt to conclude that its work only revolves around the annual fair. Edmonton speakers are planned for the banquet and no doubt there will be music to vary the programme. Let us make this first banquet a splendid success and encourage the secretary and the directors who are doing their little bit to help things along. We may

### False Alarms Two of Them

A Patriotic Assembly or Banquet was about to take place in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening and when everything was ready the bell was rung that the citizens might go in and take their places. The tones of the bell had hardly died down when a few people headed by George Oppertshausner rushed into the hall downstairs and demanded to know who rang the bell and why it was rung. Fearful lest this irascible father would take dire vengeance on the little boys who did the actual ringing, the writer and one or two others undertook to explain the why and wherefore and to take full responsibility for the ringing of the bell. This did not please Mr. Oppertshausner but he did not have much to say to us that night—we had too many friends around. On Wednesday morning he called the writer into the hardware store and when the writer stuck to his guns this brave fellow hauled on and shook him up to the face knocking him down. Handicapped as we were with a heavy overcoat and also realizing that we were in the assailant's premises we did not attempt to retaliate. And besides we don't and never did pretend to be a gladiator. We have no time for quarreling but we can not stand around and hear people assuming authority when it is not solely vested in themselves. Other members of the council were around on Tuesday night and were taking active part in the proceedings which he himself, first as a citizen and secondly as a councillor of the town, should also have been taking part in. Of course he claims he knew nothing about the banquet, and I suppose we will have to take him at his word, but isn't it remarkable that that should be the case when members of his father's family were generous enough to donate a cake toward the event? We presume he will claim that he does not know what goes on in his father's home. Isn't it also remarkable that one of the things uttered by his father in the store on Wednesday morning was to the effect that "he would see that those kind of meetings in the hall would be put a stop to?" This kind of utterance shows where peoples' hearts are.

As for the ringing of the bell mention that a large portion of the poultry and meats are being given by the directors, and the fifty cents being charged will not more than cover half the cost of the banquet, so all may depend on getting full value for their money. It is particularly the farmer whom it is desired to interest. It is he who will benefit by the success of the society.

no harm was done by it. With the exception of one or two people, everyone knew what it was ringing for. And if people cannot tell the difference between a fire alarm and the sound of the bell as rung the other night those people ought to have their ears examined by a specialist.

And they talk about prosecuting anyone who rings the bell without good cause. That is as it should be, but surely the council knows that there is no printed notice to that effect in the building, or anywhere else to our knowledge, and that in view of that fact to talk prosecution is to talk nonsense.

And the rope for the fire alarm should be on the outside of the building and not inside the door.

### Our Duty

One of the most sacred duties of Canadians is to safeguard our wounded soldiers from want and misery. The men who return disabled, broken and blundered should be the wards of Canada. He reminded that we owe a debt of gratitude to the sacrifice they have made. It is easy enough to say patriotic nothing and to forget in the days of peace those who followed the flag. But we cherish the hope that our boys who are making history, who have come from the farm, from the bank, from the printing office, from every department of human activity will be remembered, and in a fitting manner. The best we can offer is inadequate to show our appreciation of those men who, somewhere on the battle line, hard by death, that we may live in sheltered ease, have taken discomfort and disease as their companions. Their wounds are for us; their privations are for our salvation. The disabled soldier is a rebuke to self-seeking. He cannot but raise the chivalry that is in every heart, and force to acknowledge that ignoble case is the crowning infamy of the coward. The broken soldier is our benefactor who cannot be forgotten save by those to whom base ingratitude is a virtue.

Mr. H. Ross Stover is now teaching at Muir Lake, and Mr. Spencer has been engaged for the next term at Rosenthal.

Mr. W. W. Browne returned on Saturday night from a trip to his old home and other U.S. points and reports an enjoyable time. Mrs. Browne, and children remained behind for a prolonged visit.

Miss Katie Gabel is home again after a two weeks' visit with her sister in Edmonton.

Mr. J. W. McClory, of Edmonton, representing the Continental Life Insurance Co., was in town on Monday.





### CHECKING DEPOPULATION OF RURAL DISTRICTS

One of the Best Ways to Further the Progressive Agricultural Movements is to Interest the Boys and Girls in the Work Through Holding Annual Fall Competitions

grain, garden seeds and tubers are supplied by the department of agriculture. Eggs are also supplied for hatching purposes. Only pure strains are supplied thus making the children familiar with the better side of farming.

The agricultural secretary visits the plots of each boy and girl during the summer, scores them, and makes suggestions for improvement. He also issues the occasional warrants. This is the key to the lasting effects of the fair.

The fair is held some time during the months of September and October, and attracts the district in which it is to be held. The exhibits and the regulations are the same as any agricultural society fair, and all prize money is donated to the district.

During the summer months, the planning made at the local banks is carried out of the same.

The boys are benefited derived from school fair work:

1. Rural depopulation is checked.
2. The children whose early impressions are of the city, are made to know other lines of work when farming is made interesting and instructive.
3. A community interest is created.
4. The children are brought closer to the things which much towards elevating the rural life.

5. Social advantages:  
(a) The training received by the boys and girls in the fall fair work will help them to be of greater service to the community in which they

(b) Agriculture and other lines of education are placed on a firm, prac-

Prize money is contributed by the municipal councils, school trustees, boards and individuals interested in the junior fall fair work.

to compete for the monetary value of the grain. The government value and incentive to grow or produce more grain. The government is a major producer. All money should be paid by cheque and in this way the government is acquainted with banking.

The nine elevator companies have been used to build the grain country elevators in Saskatchewan, are donating a scholarship of \$1000 each to the course in agriculture and domestic science at the College of Agriculture in Saskatoon. The boy or girl in each municipality must win the highest score in competition to win the scholarship. The scholarship is for the age of 14 and 15 years are eligible to compete for the scholarship.

### Temporal Powers

#### Of the Papacy

This is German Bait to Ensure Swiss Roman Catholicism.

The restoration of the temporal power of the papacy is the latest step in the restoration of the temporal power of the Roman Catholic church. According to a Swiss correspondent of the *London Times*, the Swiss government has visited to Switzerland was connected with the restoration of the temporal power of the papacy.

would serve both as revenge upon

[illegible]

neighborhood of his stand discovered one day on examining his car that there was a dead cat on one of the seats. In his anger he was about to throw the carcass into the street when he espied a policeman.

Holding up the carcass, he exclaimed: "This is how I am insulted. What am I to do with it?"

"Well, don't you know? Take it straight to headquarters, and if it is not claimed within a month it becomes your property," *Harper Magazine*.

ANNUAL

# Masquerade Ball

Will be held in the  
Town Hall Stony Plain  
On  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1916  
at 8.30

## Admission:

Ladies Masked Free  
Ladies not Masked, 25 cents  
Gentlemen Masked, 50 cents  
Gentlemen not Masked, \$1.00

Only those who are masked may dance  
before 11 o'clock.

## Wedding Bells

At Norwood Methodist Church on Wednesday January 12th, by the Rev. Mr. Smith, Louis Kowensky of Stony Plain to Miss Lillian Longstaff of Edmonton.

The above announcement in the Edmonton Daily paper is of interest to the people of this district inasmuch as both parties in the happy event are well and favorably known here. The bride, formerly a member of our public school staff, while here, made many warm friends, who will welcome her back as a permanent resident of our town.

Mr. Kowensky is one of our most popular and successful young business men and is so widely known that we need not enlarge on his many good qualities.

They have taken up residence on Fourth Avenue, nearly opposite the school, which building should find favor in Mrs. Kowensky's eyes, since it was her acceptance of a position therein that paved the way to the ceremony of January 12th.

The News extends its congratulations to the young couple, and wishes for them a long, happy, prosperous married life.



## WAGON PAINT



Makes the Wagon Last  
Paint protects the life and vitality of the wood and iron used in the wagon's construction. Insure your wagon with

**Stephens' Wagon Paint**  
You will be surprised how cheaply you can keep the wagon and all your farm machinery like new with an occasional coat of paint. It is wise economy to paint and save the dollars you'd have to pay for repairs. Get a can of Stephens' Wagon Paint—keep everything new.

Write today for free book of "Stephens' Wagon Paint"—the paint that keeps everything new.

Everything for the Painter  
**G.F. STEPHENS & CO. LIMITED**  
PAINT AND VARNISH MAKERS  
WINNIPEG, CANADA  
BRANCH AT CALGARY

## Notice to Creditors

In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES E. MARTIN, late of the Settlement of Tomahawk in the Province of Alberta, Farmer, Deceased.

PURSUANT to the order of His Honor Judge Noel, notice is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having claims of the Estate of the said James E. Martin who died on or about the 7th day of April, 1915, at Tomahawk, Alberta, are requested post prepaid or deliver to Harvey Eli Kingsley Tomahawk, Alberta, the Administrator with Will annexed of the Estate of the said deceased on or before Wednesday the 16th day of February, 1916 their names addresses and full particulars of their claims duly verified by declaration and the nature of the security if any held by them and valuation of the same, and after the said 16th day of February, 1916, the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice, and the said Administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any thereof to any person or persons of whose claim he shall not then have had notice.

F. W. LUNDY,

Solicitor for the Administrator.

DATED this 22nd day of January, 1916.

## Potatoes

Advertiser is prepared to buy now for delivery in March several car loads of potatoes. Good price, liberal deposit. Apply Rural Weekly News Office.



## Local Notes

On Wednesday Mr. J. R. Roy of the firm of Roy & Webber, enlisted in the 138th Battalion. Still they go.

Mr. H. Umbach, who has been homesteading in the Peace River District for the last 9 months arrived here on Wednesday to visit his parents. When he returns to his northern home he will be accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Griffin and her children.

The marriage of Mr. Frank W. Phelan, son of Mr. E. B. Phelan of Holborn, and Miss Matilda Arnoldi of the Edmonton Separate School staff took place last week in Edmonton.

Miss Edith Macgillycuddy and Thelma Minore spent last week end at the latter's home in Emery.

Mr. Teddy Gibson is trying city life again, and may be found in the Woodland Dairy.

Mrs. J. M. Campbell has returned to town, after visiting for a couple of months with friends in Ontario.

We understand that Mrs. Easton, of Edmonton, a very competent and successful teacher, has been engaged for the Lucknow School District.

A party consisting of Messrs. Wm. Hanke, John Kitchner, Jake Schuster, Carl Myers, Jacob Schneider, Henry and Peter Parrot, and Sam Zippel were on a fishing expedition to Bad Lake during the week.

Mr. McGregor, representative of the Rawleigh Machine Co. in this locality, arrived in town on Thursday night with his wife and four children. Their former home was in Coronation Alberta.

Mr. John Murrigan of Graminia, passed through town on Friday on his way home from the McLeod River.

## Dr. H. B. WOOD

DENTIST

Phones, Office 5755 Residence 82341

Suite 17-18 Empire Block

Cor. First St. and Jasper

Edmonton Alta.

## Onway Time Table

Time Table in effect Nov. 22 1915

### WESTBOUND

1st Passenger, Sunday, Tuesday, Friday. Leave Edmonton 8 a.m. 9.23. 201. Monday, Wednesday, Saturday. Leave Ed. 6.55 a.m. due Onway 9.25. 195. Wed. and Sat. leave Edmonton 7.50 a.m. due Onway 10.40.

### EASTBOUND

2nd Passenger, Monday, Thursday, Saturday, Live Onway, 6.58 p.m. due Edmonton 8.20 p.m. 802. Pass., Monday, Thursday, Saturday, leave Onway, 8.11 p.m. due Edmonton 10.50. 196. Wednesday and Saturday, Live Onway 5.10 p.m. due 10.46 p.m.

## F. W. LUNDY

Barrister, Solicitor, and

Notary Public Etc

Money to Loan

Office STONY PLAIN

# HARDWARE

We take this Opportunity  
To thank our many  
Customers for  
their  
Hearty Co-operation

Since we have been doing  
business in Spruce Grove.

AND

To wish them all a prosperous, bright  
and happy NEW YEAR

**BISSON, BAKER & Co.**

Phone R. 3013

Spruce Grove Alta

## Canadian Northern Railway

## EXCURSION

to Vancouver, Victoria  
Westminster, B.C.

## A New Route To Pacific Coast

THROUGH ELECTRIC LIGHTED TRAINS  
PARLOR OBSERVATION CARS

Leave Edmonton, Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday at 8.00 a.m.

Excursion Tickets on Sale

DECEMBER ..... 7, 8, 9, 10, 1915  
JANUARY ..... 11, 12, 13, 14, 1916  
FEBRUARY ..... 8, 9, 10, 11, 1916

GOOD TO RETURN UNTIL APRIL 30, 1916

Information and Tickets from any Canadian Northern Agent

R. CREELMAN

General Passenger Agent

Winnipeg Man.

## List of Books of Free Library

### AT RURAL NEWS OFFICE

1. BAPZAC: HONORE Eugene Grandet
2. BARRIE: JAMES M Tommy and Grisel. Illustrated.
3. BESANT: WALTER All sorts and conditions of men; an impossible story. Illustrated
4. Birt: H. N. Lingard's history of England.
5. BROOKS: E. EDWARD Wonder stories from the Mabinogion. Illus.
6. CHAPIN: ANNA ALIOE Eagle's mate. Illustrated.
7. CHURCH: ALFRED J. The count of the Saxon shore, or, Villa in Victoria. Illustrated.
8. COOPER: ELIZABETH My lady of the Chinese Court Yard. Illus.
9. CROCKET: E. R. The stickit minister, and some common men. Illus.
10. DODGE: MARY MAPES Hans Brinker, or the silver skates. A story of life in Holland.
11. DOYLE: A CONON Firm of Girdlestone
12. FRASER: W. A. Outcasts. Illus.
13. GALE: JAMES S. Korean sketches. Illustrated
14. GERARD: LOUISE Golden centipede
15. GLASS: MONTAGUE Potash & Perlmutter; their co-partnership ventures and adventures. Illustrated.
16. HARDY: THOMAS Mayor of Casterbridge. Illustrated.
17. HAWTHORNE: N. The marble faun.
18. HUTCHINSON: WOODS Civilization and health
19. JACKS: L. P. Mad shapers and other human studies Illus.
20. MCDONALD: GEORGE Donald Grant Illustrated
21. OROZY: BARONESS The elusive pimpernel; Illustrated
22. REXFORD: ESEN E House floriculture: a practical guide to the treatment of flowers and other ornamental plants in the house & garden Illustrated
23. RUSKIN: JOHN Selections
24. SCHREINER: OLIVE Story of an African farm
25. SCOTT: SIR WALTER Fervor of the Peak.
26. SHERIDAN: E. B. Plays: The Rivals; School for Scandal
27. SPYER: JOHANNA Heidi: a child's story of life in the Alps. Illus
28. STANLEY: HENRY M. Through the dark continent. Illus. Vol. 1
29. STANLEY: HENRY M. Through the dark continent. Illus. Vol. 2
30. WEYMAN: STANLY J. Red cockade. Illustrated
31. WOOD: WILLIAM Montcalm: the hero of a lost cause